



DELINQUENT

NEGLECTED



1963 ANNUAL REPORT

**HARRIS COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT
HOUSTON, TEXAS**

PAUL IRICK
CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER



R. O. D. SCHOENBACHER
ASST. CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER

PROBATION DEPARTMENT
OF
HARRIS COUNTY
DECEMBER 31, 1963

3540 WEST DALLAS
HOUSTON 19, TEXAS

THE HONORABLE JUVENILE BOARD
THE HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS COURT
ALL CITIZENS OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

SIRS:

THE FOLLOWING REPORT SUMMARIZES THE SERVICES RENDERED BY THE HARRIS COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN FOR THE YEAR 1963.

THE STATISTICS CONTAINED HEREIN APPLY ONLY TO THE CASES WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT AND DO NOT ATTEMPT TO SHOW THE EXTENT OF DELINQUENCY OR NEGLECT IN HARRIS COUNTY.

THE PROBLEM OF DELINQUENCY AND NEGLECT CONTINUES TO GROW IN OUR COMMUNITY ALTHOUGH COMMUNITY EFFORT STRIVES TO KEEP ABREAST WITH THIS SOCIAL CANCER. THE MULTI-FACTORED CAUSES UNDERLYING THIS PROBLEM DO NOT HAVE A SIMPLE SOLUTION AND IT IS ONLY THROUGH THE CONSTANT INTEREST OF THE COMMUNITY THAT CONTROLS ARE EXERCISED.

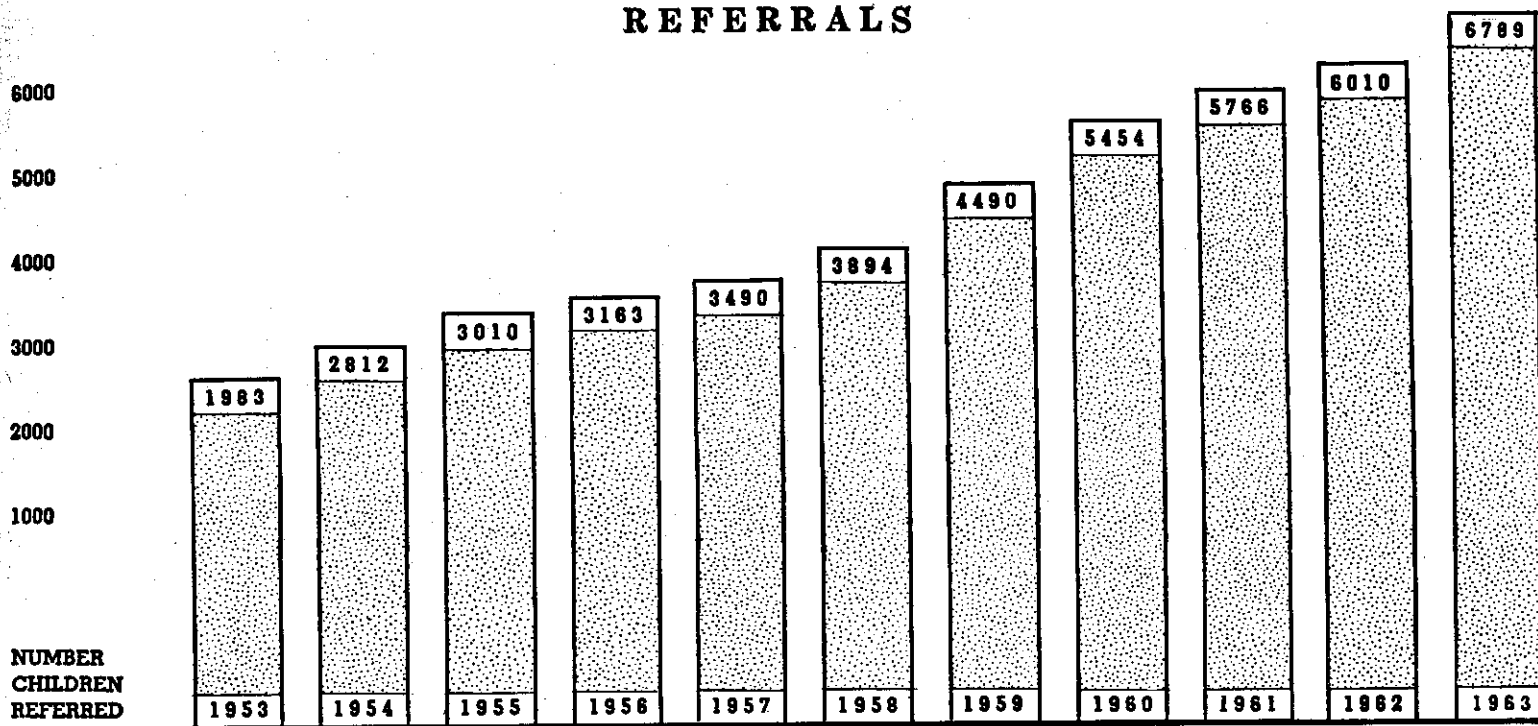
THE COOPERATION RECEIVED FROM THE JUVENILE DIVISIONS OF THE HOUSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT, HARRIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND ALL POLICE DEPARTMENTS IN THE COUNTY, COMBINED WITH THE EFFORTS OF SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS, PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AGENCIES, AND INDIVIDUAL CITIZENS HAS BEEN OF GREAT ASSISTANCE IN HELPING THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WE SERVE.

SINCERELY,

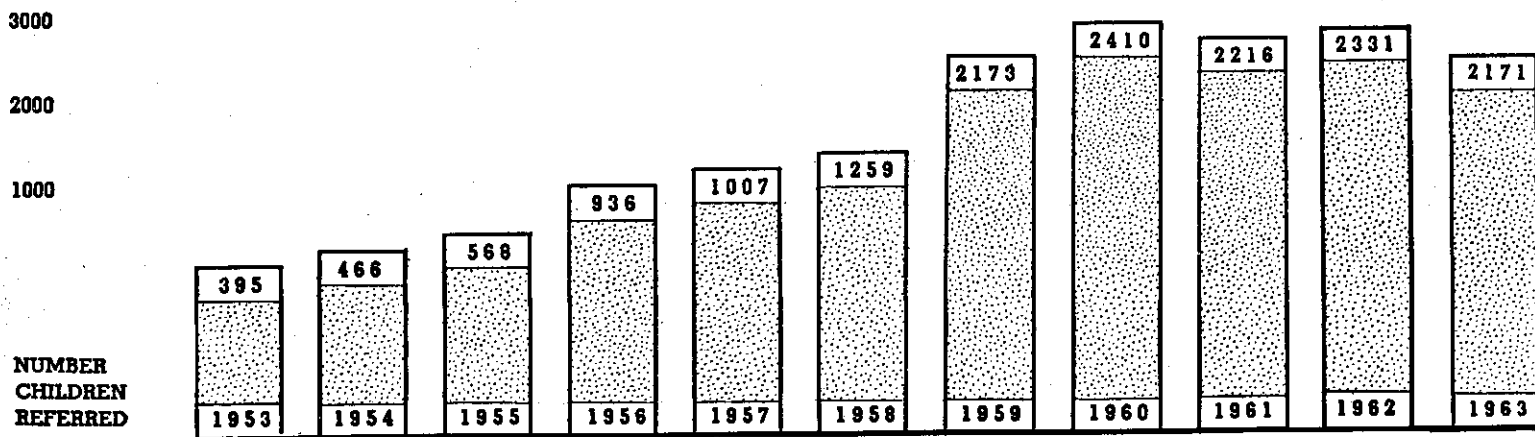
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PAUL IRICK
CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER

DELINQUENCY REFERRALS



NEGLECT REFERRALS



1953 through 1963
HARRIS COUNTY

DELINQUENCY REFERRALS

BY AGE, RACE, SEX AND OFFENSE

AGE . . .	BOYS				GIRLS				TOTAL CHILDREN
	WHITE	COLORED	LATIN	TOTAL	WHITE	COLORED	LATIN	TOTAL	
10	101	101	41	243	116	21	5	142	385
11	76	96	45	217	11	27	1	39	256
12	194	12	63	383	29	42	7	78	461
13	319	182	97	598	91	55	23	169	767
14	491	292	185	968	147	101	59	307	1275
15	547	486	298	1331	217	102	57	376	1707
16	678	382	309	1369	184	129	76	389	1758
17	0	0	0	0	115	43	22	180	180
	1668	1174	730	3572	637	338	169	1144	4716
Referrals pending									
Dec. 31, 1962.....	738	491	308	1537	273	182	81	536	2073
	2406	1665	1038	5109	910	520	250	1680	6789

OFFENSES . . .	BOYS				GIRLS				TOTAL
	WHITE	COLORED	LATIN	TOTAL	WHITE	COLORED	LATIN	TOTAL	
Auto Theft.....	256	96	96	448	26	8	7	41	489
Robbery.....	28	25	7	60	3	3	0	6	66
Burglary—Unlawful Entry.....	633	512	215	1360	17	17	4	38	1398
Other Theft—Forgery and Passing.....	535	425	261	1221	115	69	17	201	1422
Truancy.....	75	48	23	146	33	23	22	78	224
Running Away.....	248	107	60	415	304	181	102	587	1002
Being Ungovernable.....	98	75	17	190	89	63	27	179	369
Sex Offense.....	76	65	15	156	101	46	21	168	324
Use/Possession of Drugs.....	12	2	6	20	6	2	2	10	30
Assault Injury to Person, Murder & Suicide (Attempted).....	64	78	45	187	9	38	10	57	244
Mal. Mischief, Consuming Intoxicating Liquor, Loitering And Wandering Streets, Trespassing.....	231	138	133	502	116	34	11	161	663
Traffic Violation.....	26	3	8	37	1	0	2	3	40
Arson.....	25	18	6	49	6	0	0	6	55
Other Delinquent Behavior.....	99	73	146	318	84	36	25	145	463
	1668	1174	730	3572	637	338	169	1144	4716
Referrals Pending.....	738	491	308	1537	273	182	81	536	2073
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DELINQUENCY REFERRALS

DELINQUENT CHILDREN PROCESSED THROUGH JUVENILE COURT

Number of Cases Referred to Juvenile Court

	BOYS				GIRLS				TOTAL CHILDREN
	WHITE	COLORED	LATIN	TOTAL	WHITE	COLORED	LATIN	TOTAL	
New Cases.....	533	336	199	1068	95	94	25	214	1282
Re-Opened Cases.....	142	60	55	257	58	47	24	129	386
TOTAL.....	675	396	254	1325	153	141	49	343	1668

DISPOSITION

Committed to Texas Youth Council.....	86	85	54	225	31	31	14	76	301
Committed to Harris County Boy's School.....	44	0	11	55	0	0	0	0	55
Committed to Convent of The Good Shepherd.....	0	0	0	0	13	1	2	16	16

DECLARED DELINQUENT

Probation to Parents.....	119	65	64	248	13	4	4	21	269
Probation to Father.....	20	14	6	40	3	0	1	4	44
Probation to Mother.....	70	41	23	134	27	23	9	59	193
Probation to Relatives.....	43	17	6	66	7	18	4	29	95
Probation to Others.....	18	2	5	25	5	3	0	8	33
Cases Pending, Passed and Postponed.....	231	146	75	452	27	27	11	65	517
Cancelled and Reset.....	30	16	7	53	23	26	2	51	104
Dependent—Placed in Foster Home	1	0	0	1	0	4	0	4	5
Petition Denied.....	6	2	1	9	1	0	1	2	11
Show Cause.....	6	1	0	7	0	0	0	0	7
Dependent—Own Home.....	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	2
Petition Dismissed.....	1	7	1	9	2	3	1	6	15
Burnett-Bayland Home.....	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1

DETENTION HOME

Children Referred Are Placed in Detention Pending Court Hearing

DETENTION WARD

	WHITE	COLORED	LATIN	TOTAL
Boys Detained.....	1035	839	513	2387
Girls Detained.....	435	300	134	869

DEPENDENCY REFERRALS

TOTAL NUMBER CHILDREN PROCESSED AS DEPENDENT AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN THROUGH DEPARTMENT

Dependent and Neglect (only)	CASES				CHILDREN			
	WHITE	COLORED	LATIN	TOTAL	WHITE	COLORED	LATIN	TOTAL
Children under supervision								
First day of year.....	308	143	48	499	860	440	192	1492
Number added during year.....	493	189	85	767	1288	595	288	2171
Number closed during year.....	602	199	97	898	1601	623	343	2567
Number on hand last day of year.....	199	133	36	368	547	412	137	1096

DISPOSITION — COURT CASES DEPENDENCY

Number of Cases Referred to Court	WHITE	COLORED	LATIN	TOTAL
New Cases.....	127	36	26	189
Re-Opened Cases.....	72	21	4	97
Total Number of Cases.....	199	57	30	286

DISPOSITION BY NUMBER OF CHILDREN:

Harris County Children's Home.....	0	14	0	14
Placed at Burnet-Bayland.....	74	0	19	93
Placed in Foster Homes.....	13	7	0	20
Custody to Both Parents.....	6	0	0	6
Custody to Mother.....	13	8	1	22
Custody to Father.....	6	0	0	6
Custody to Others.....	1	0	0	1
Custody to Relatives.....	23	10	7	40
Custody to Negro Child Center.....	0	1	0	1
Custody to Buckners.....	18	0	0	18
Custody to Faith Home.....	7	5	0	12
Custody to Corsicana.....	9	0	7	16
Custody to Convent.....	5	0	0	5
Custody to Waco.....	1	0	0	1
Custody to Texas Baptist Children's Home.....	2	0	0	2
Parental Rights Terminated.....	6	5	3	14
Passed or Reset.....	177	72	21	270
Denied or Dismissed.....	26	10	4	40
Boys Harbor.....	1	0	0	1
Declared Delinquent.....	9	4	5	18
Custody Paul Irick.....	39	4	8	51
Decision Withheld.....	5	0	0	5
Habeas Corpus.....	5	0	0	5
TOTAL.....	446	140	75	661

SPECIAL SERVICES for Courts of Domestic Relations and Other Agencies

Custody Investigations received.....	160
Adoption Investigations received.....	1027
Fed. Agency and Armed Forces Inquiries.....	451
O.T.I.'s received (out-of-town investigations).....	163

Institutional and Foster Home Program

HARRIS COUNTY BOYS SCHOOL (Home for Delinquent Boys)

	WHITE	LATIN	TOTAL
Boys in Harris County Boys School—First day of year.....	38	21	59
Boys received during year.....	47	16	63
Boys released during year.....	41	16	57
Boys in home—Last day of year.....	44	21	65

BURNETT-BAYLAND (Home for Delinquent-Neglected Children)

	BOYS	GIRLS	TOTAL
Children in institution—First day of year.....	44	34	78
Children received during year.....	214	246	460
Children released during year.....	212	231	443
Children in home—Last day of year.....	46	49	95

HARRIS COUNTY CHILDREN'S HOME

(Emergency Home for Negro Children)

	COLORED
Children in home—First day of year.....	22
Children received during year.....	170
Children released during year.....	178
Children in home—Last day of year.....	14

FOSTER HOMES

Children in PAID Foster Homes During Year

	DEPENDENT CHILDREN	DELINQUENT CHILDREN
Children in Foster Homes—First day of year.....	150	1
Children received during year.....	173	8
Children released during year.....	138	6
Children in Foster Homes—Last day of year.....	185	3

Children in FREE Foster Homes

Children in Foster Homes—First day of year.....	30	2
Children received during year.....	29	0
Children released during year.....	27	0
Children in Foster Homes—Last day of year.....	32	2

Foster Homes in Use—First Day of Year..... 76

Foster Homes Put to Use During Year..... 73

ADOPTIVE HOMES

Children in Adoptive Homes—First day of year.....	43
Children placed in Adoptive Homes During Year.....	36
Children legally adopted during year.....	53
Children in Adoptive Homes—Last day of year.....	23

SUPPORT SERVICES

The Receiving and Disbursing of Funds for the Support of Minor Children
Ordered through Divorce Actions By Court

NUMBER CASES ACTIVE JANUARY 1, 1962	6594
TOTAL NUMBER CASES DURING YEAR	9295
NUMBER CHILDREN RECEIVING SUPPORT	18,569

TOTAL AMOUNT RECEIVED AND DISBURSED \$6,022,488.39

HARRIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

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HONORABLE BILL ELLIOTT, County Judge

COMMISSIONERS

W. KYLE CHAPMAN.....Precinct Number 1
V. V. RAMSEY.....Precinct Number 2
PHILIP E. SAYERS.....Precinct Number 3
E. A. LYONS, JR.....Precinct Number 4

HARRIS COUNTY JUVENILE BOARD

HONORABLE BILL ELLIOTT, County Judge
Chairman of the Board

JUDGES

HONORABLE JOHN L. COMPTON	151st District Court
HONORABLE WARREN P. CUNNINGHAM, JR.	164th District Court
HONORABLE SAM W. DAVIS	Criminal District Court Number 5
HONORABLE LEWIS DICKSON	125th District Court
HONORABLE EDMUND B. DUGGAN	Criminal District Court
HONORABLE WM. M. HOLLAND	127th District Court
HONORABLE WILMER B. HUNT	133rd District Court
HONORABLE BYRON JOHNSON	80th District Court
HONORABLE LANGSTON G. KING	Criminal District Court Number 2
HONORABLE ARNOLD H. KRICHAMER	Criminal District Court Number 4
HONORABLE ARTHUR C. LESHER, JR.	Court of Domestic Relations Number 4
HONORABLE MIRON A. LOVE	Criminal District Court Number 3
HONORABLE W. SEARS McGEE	55th District Court
HONORABLE J. W. MILLS	Court of Domestic Relations
HONORABLE BEN MOORHEAD	11th District Court
HONORABLE WENDELL A. ODOM	Court of Domestic Relations Number 2
HONORABLE PHIL PEDEN	157th District Court
HONORABLE JOHN SNELL, JR.	152nd District Court
HONORABLE THOMAS J. STOVALL, JR.	129th District Court
HONORABLE BERT H. TUNKS	113th District Court
HONORABLE BEN F. WILSON	61st District Court
HONORABLE BEN WOODALL	Court of Domestic Relations Number 3

THE JUVENILE COURT

Judge of the Juvenile Court.....HONORABLE ARTHUR C. LESHER, JR.
Referee of the Juvenile Court.....EDWARD ROCHE

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NOTES ON PROGRESS OF THE DEPARTMENT

Through Action of the Juvenile Board and Commissioners Court

The Planning Committee of the Juvenile Board has been studying the needs of the Department for the past year, and in December of 1963, through the Commissioners Court, employed an architect to assist in projecting facility and service. The services of many national, state, local agencies and individuals have been available to this committee for consultation in this planning.

On July first of this year the Ethel A. Claxton Cottage for Children was opened to receive children for emergency shelter care. The unit, located on the Burnett-Bayland campus, contains a complete nursery and houses approximately twenty-five infants and toddlers, giving full custodial care prior to court hearing and placement.